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All persons who paid their poll
taxes later than April 13 will be
asked to present their receipts
when going to the polls to vote.

If you are still debating as to
which one of the candidates for
the legislature will get your vote
remember that Judge Cochran
represents the cause of the masses.

The first democratic primary
will be held on May 15 and the
second on June 12. For most of
the candidates their suspense will
end on May 15.

Our readers will appreciate
Irving Keck's witty article on the
division question for which we
thank him. We are also indebted
to Mr. Keck for some interesting
reading matter including copies of
that magnificent paper the Spring-
field Republican.

We present our readers this
week a fair likeness of the Hon.
T. J. Appleyard, candidate for
Railroad Commissioner. We have
personally known Mr. Appleyard
for years and can conscientiously
recommend him for the office to
which he aspires. Give him your
vote.

It is not generally known that
the county commissioners before
whom complaints come for relief
for burdensome taxation have no
power to raise or lower the total of
the taxes. If they lower your
taxes they must add to somebody's
else, to keep this total the same.
The tax assessor alone has power
to raise or lower the total assess-
ment.

We Arcadians have learned how
to lower the rate of taxation, and
it isn't by dividing the county
either. It is by making all of the
land owned by corporations and
private capitalists bring in its
proper proportion of taxes. If
these lands were assessed—as is
the property of the small land
owner—at one-fourth its cash value,
the revenues of the county would
be largely increased and the mill-
age could be reduced.

The death of W. W. Ashley,
city editor of the Gainesville Daily
Sun, was a shock to all who knew
him. Seated at his desk writing
in the Sun office, one day last
week, the summons came, and we
doubt not, found him ready, for
Mr. Ashley was a good man, and
has but gone to his reward. The
State W. C. T. U. Convention,
that lately met in Gainesville, will
remember Mr. Ashley as having
contributed to the enjoyment of
the meeting by singing with a
quartette at one of the evening
sessions, and it was his sister, Mrs.
Smith, who acted as organist so
faithfully and efficiently. To her
we offer sympathy in this bereave-
ment.

The withdrawal of Hugh C.
Sparkman from the legislative race
reduces the candidates for that
position to three, Mr. Jordan,
Judge Cochran and W. H. Hooker,
two against division, one for
division. The race from now on
will be a spirited contest. The
friends and supporters of each

candidate are rallying to assist
their favorite and the contestants
are also straining every nerve.
So far there has been no mud-
slinging and we trust will be none.
The candidates who enter the
second primary will have then no
unbecoming words or acts to
apologize for, and will have there-
fore a strong drawing card. Some-
body must lose. The man who
loses after an honorable campaign
makes friends for some later effort.
He who descends to low methods
if he gains temporarily loses in the
estimation of the people and will
find it out in the future most un-
pleasantly.

Tax titles without actual
possession in Florida are not worth
the paper they are written on.
There is a way by which our tax
title troubles can be settled and
Judge Cochran is telling the people
how this and other defects in our
laws can be remedied. Hear him
and feel, as we do, that he is the
proper man for DeSoto to send to
the legislature.

The legal opinion of Judge J. B.
Cochran that to divide DeSoto
county will be to place Wauchula
and Punta Gorda counties in the
"wet" column, is a startling one
if true. And no less a legal light
than Judge Wall has declared that
as the people of DeSoto county had
voted dry, DeSoto would in the
event of a division be still "dry,"
but that the new counties having
never had an election to determine
whether the people want saloons
or not the counties would be—as
are the other counties in the state
that have not voted on this
question, open to bar rooms on the
license plan.

The friends of Hugh C. Spark-
man throughout the county, and
he has many, are congratulating
him on his manly withdrawal from
the race for representative. He
realized that the friends of anti-
division must get together and by
withdrawing throws his personal
influence to Judge Cochran, be-
lieving as he says, "that he (Judge
Cochran) is better qualified for
representative than any other man
in the race." Mr. Sparkman has
won friends by this course who
will some day be in a position to
show their friendship in a practical
way, if he should desire office at
some future time.

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No Small Counties In Florida

Are in debt. None of them have as high a tax rate as DeSoto
Don't believe anything told about increasing taxes.

Divide This County and Reduce the

Tax Rate. Do not forget that the only way to
vote for DIVISION is to

Vote for A. P. JORDAN

for the legislature.

B. M. WADE
C. G. DAVIS
J. H. CANNON } Committee

CLOTHES

Don't make a candidate, but he would be a
loser without them
He will lose who fails to wear Royal Raiment
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Perry C. Brown.
Arcadia, Florida.

Political Announcements

Those Who are Running for Office
And the Office They are Asking for

For County Judge.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for
county judge, subject to the action of the Demo-
cratic Primaries, and solicit the support of the
voters of the county. Respectfully,
R. E. BROWN.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the
office of county judge and solicit the support of
the voters at the coming primaries. If elected I
promise to execute the duties of the office with
impartiality and justice. JAMES PHILON.

I take this method to respectfully announce
myself a candidate for the office of county judge,
subject to the action of the democratic primaries.
LEE M. HAMMEL.

For County Treasurer.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for
County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic
Primary of May the 15th. I promise you if
elected, to discharge the duties of the office to the
best of my ability. Soliciting the votes of one
and all and thanking you in advance for same,
I remain, Yours Very Truly,
JAMES A. HENDRY.

For Sheriff.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for
re-election as Sheriff of DeSoto county, subject to
the democratic primaries, to fill the office for the
next ensuing two years. I was elected for four
years, but through some mistake, my bond to
qualify for my regular term of four years did not
reach me in time to file same in the legal time
required by law. I would appreciate the support
of all the voters of our county. Will say that I
have done my best since I have been in office to
put down crime of all kinds in this county, and
if re-elected will continue on the same line.
A. C. FREEMAN.

For Representative.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Rep-
resentative of DeSoto county, subject to the
action of the Democratic Primary.
I am opposed to the repeal of the Buckman bill,
and also further contributions by the State to the
Tampa Fair Association.
If elected, will serve the people honestly and to
the best of my ability. J. B. COCHRAN.

Having been nominated by my fellow citizens
of Wauchula and Punta Gorda as a candidate in
the Primaries for Representative in the Legis-
lature on a platform declaring for a fair and just
division of DeSoto county, this card is to an-
nounce that fact and to solicit votes on that plat-
form, and to pledge myself, if nominated and
elected, to use my best efforts to secure a division
that will prove satisfactory and beneficial as far
as possible to all the people of the proposed three
counties. A. P. JORDAN.

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HURRY, HURRY, HURRY

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At the request of my many friends, I have con-
sented to enter the race for representative of
DeSoto county in the next Florida Legislature
and take this opportunity of soliciting the votes
of the citizens of the county in the approaching
Democratic primary election.

As I will not have the opportunity of seeing
and talking with each individual personally, I
deem it proper that I should define my position
on some of the more important issues of the
campaign.

I am opposed to a division of DeSoto county,
for the reason that I am opposed to a high tax-
ation. I consider it more economical to maintain
the present county government than to establish
and maintain two additional ones also with
the same source of revenue.
I shall favor the repeal of the Drainage Act
passed by the Legislature of 1905 as an arbitrary,
unfair and unjust measure which if enforced
will become a burden of taxation upon the people
of the state.

Having been born and reared within the
boundaries of DeSoto county, all my interest
being here, if I am honored with the nomination
and election I shall be found working for the
measures which I believe to be for the best
interest of the state as a whole and DeSoto
county in particular.

With honesty of purpose "equal rights to all
and special privileges to none" I solicit the
votes of my friends and the people of the
county regardless of section or community.
Very respectfully,
W. H. HOOKER.

For Tax Assessor.

For, and in consideration of the sum of five (\$5)
dollars, receipt of which is hereby duly ac-
knowledge, we are empowered and authorized
to announce the candidacy of F. M. Cooper for
re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto
county, Florida, subject to the action of the
democratic primaries.

County Commissioner Dist. No. 2.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for
county commissioner for District No. 2, and
solicit the votes of all my friends and fellow
democrats in the approaching primary election.
W. S. WORLEY.

For Tax Collector.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I am a candidate for tax collector of your county
subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries
WILL C. LANGFORD.

For County Commissioner Dist. No. 4.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
county commissioner for District No. 4, subject
to the action of the Democratic Primaries. I
promise, if elected, to perform the duties of the
office in a strictly impartial manner and for the
good of the whole people as I see it.
D. S. WILLIAMS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
commissioner in district No. 4, promising,
if elected, to do my duty conscientiously and to the
best of my ability.
S. S. AVANT.

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I announce myself as a candidate for
Commissioner for District No. 4, subject to
Democratic Primary of May 15th.
C. S. BUSHNELL.

I have decided after consulting with my
friends and fellow citizens to announce myself a
candidate for County Commissioner for District No. 2,
subject to the Democratic nomination. I
promise, if elected, to discharge the duties of the
office to the best of my ability. Soliciting the
support of my fellow citizens, I remain,
Yours to push and serve,
JOHN L. LIVINGSTON.

Member School Board.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
By request of many friends, I hereby an-
nounce myself a candidate for member of the
School Board for District No. 2, subject to the
action of the Democratic Primaries. I
promise, if elected, to perform the duties of the
office in a strictly impartial manner and for the
good of the whole people as I see it.
Very respectfully yours,
F. B. MCCLURE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
member of the School Board from District No. 2,
subject to the Democratic Primary and respect-
fully solicit the support of the voters of said dis-
trict. If elected I shall use my best endeavors to
up the school interests of the entire county.
Wm. L. SCOTT.